

RESOLUTIONS

CIVIL SERVICE FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES—PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

H. J. R. No. 19

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas authorizing the Legislature to provide for Civil Service in certain counties upon a vote of the people therein.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be and the same is hereby amended by adding to said Article a new Section, to be known and designated as Section 62-c, reading as follows:

"Section 62-c. The Legislature is authorized to provide for the creation of Civil Service Systems for county employees in the respective counties of this State, but any system so authorized and established shall be approved by a vote of the people in said county. Any Civil Service System established by virtue of this Section shall apply to appointive offices only, and the limitations on term of office heretofore provided by Section 30 of this Article shall not apply, but the duration of such offices shall be governed by the provisions of such Civil Service System. This Section shall not apply to counties having a population less than seventy-five thousand (75,000) people."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the State at an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in September, 1949, at which election all ballots shall have printed or written thereon (or in counties using voting machines the said machines shall provide for) the following:

"FOR The Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for Civil Service in counties upon a vote of the people therein"; and

"AGAINST The Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for Civil Service in counties upon a vote of the people therein."

Each voter shall mark out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed Amendment, and if it shall appear from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said Amendment, the same shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Passed the House, March 29, 1949: Yeas 109, Nays 4; House concurred in Senate amendments, June 9, 1949: Yeas 116, Nays 1; passed the Senate, with amendments, June 1, 1949: Yeas 25, Nays 4.
Approved June 19, 1949.

Amendment by H.J.R. No. 46 provides for submission at an election to be held on the second Tuesday in November, 1949. See page 1500.